

Health and Safety Guidelines for Our Students



Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms

- Parents are asked to conduct daily health assessments of their students prior to the arrival at school. This should include taking temperatures and assessing symptoms. Any student with symptoms (described below) or a temperature above 100°F should stay home.

COVID-19 Symptoms
Help prevent the spread of COVID-19

You may have COVID-19 if you experience one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

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- If the superintendent places our school district at Level 3:
 - Parents are asked to continue daily health assessments each morning prior to school; however, students will have temperatures taken again at school.
 - Any student exhibiting any symptoms will be sent home.
- If a student begins to show symptoms or has a temperature above 100°F while at school, he/she will be separated from other students and employees, maintain a face covering, and undergo an assessment by a district nurse. The nurse will determine if there is a need to refer to a health care provider.
- The health department will be contacted if there is suspicion of the coronavirus. Health department personnel, in collaboration with district administration, will identify “first generation” exposures as necessary and direct appropriate notifications. Individuals who potentially have been exposed must follow quarantine recommendations.

- The school will monitor daily absences of students for trends.
- As with any absence, students' health is the greatest concern. Concerns regarding school work during a period of absence are best managed with ongoing communication between the parent, teacher, and student.

Wash and Sanitize Hands to Prevent Spread



- Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands frequently, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. Mirror decals have been placed on all restroom mirrors as a reminder of proper handwashing guidelines.
- Students in grades Preschool-5 will receive direct instruction from classroom teachers on how to properly wash their hands and this process will be monitored until students are able to correctly do it independently.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located in high traffic areas including entrances to buildings and in the cafeteria. Hand sanitizer should supplement handwashing when hand washing is not feasible.
- Students should avoid touching their mouths, noses, and eyes.

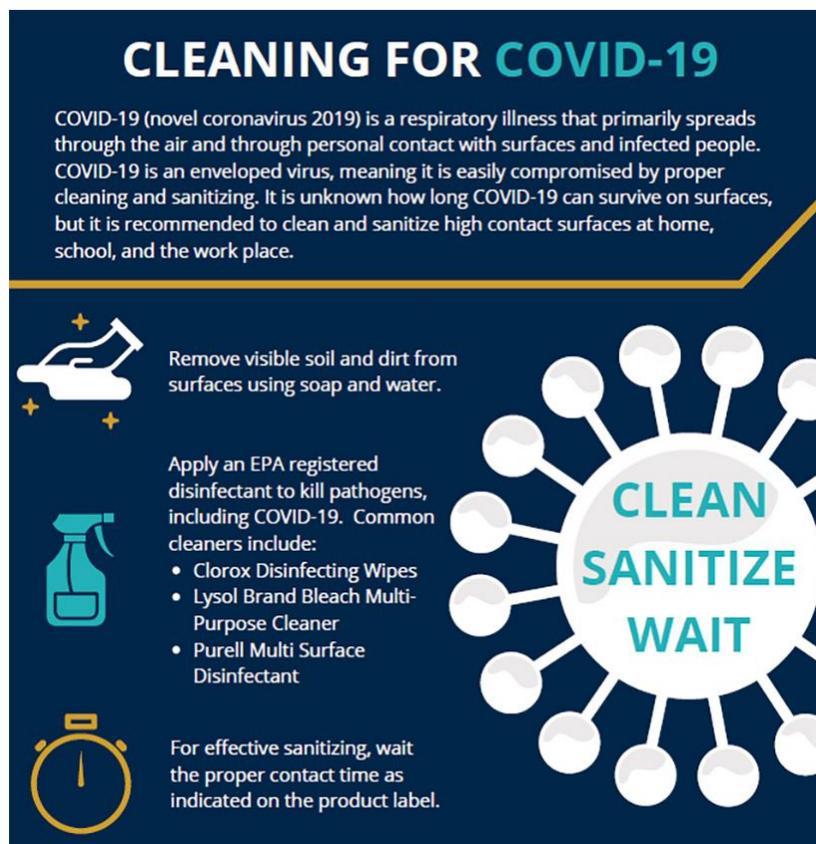
Wear Face Coverings

- All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a face covering on the bus. All students in grades 3-12 are required to wear face covering while at school. If a student has a health condition that would

be exacerbated by wearing a face covering and the parent of the student presents documentation from a licensed healthcare professional or the student has a documented disability, he/she is exempt from wearing a face covering. Face coverings are strongly recommended for K-2 students during the school day. Preschool students are exempt from wearing face coverings but may do so at parents' discretion.

- Facial coverings must cover a student's nose and mouth.
- Students will not wear face coverings during lunch, recess or physical education. Where social distancing can be practiced, teachers will direct students to take "mask breaks."

Thoroughly Clean and Sanitize School Environment



- School busses will be sprayed with a disinfectant cleaner after each route.
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily. High contact areas like student desks and tables and lab spaces will be wiped down by teachers and students periodically. For students in grades 4-12 who change classes, desks will be disinfected with sanitizing wipes between classes.
- Commonly used items like doorknobs, pencil sharpeners, and classroom manipulatives will be wiped down periodically throughout the school day.

- Restrooms will be cleaned multiple times during the day. Students will be assigned to use specific restrooms during the day.
- Lunches will continue to be served by our food service department.
 - For MS/HS students, tables will be cleaned by cafeteria, custodial and administrative staff, and students' eating times will be staggered to accommodate cleaning. As well, the use of tables will be alternated to accommodate cleaning. MS/HS students will eat in the MS/HS cafeteria and in the elementary cafeteria.
 - Elementary students will eat in their classrooms/homerooms. Paraprofessionals will assist students in cleaning their desks and tables.
- Gymnasium/PE/Recess
 - The equipment will be cleaned after each class.
- Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Several drinking fountains have been converted with bottle filling capacities, but students should not drink directly from water fountains.

Practice Social Distancing

- Whenever and wherever possible, students will be asked to maintain social distancing. Social distancing is the first defense against the spread of the virus.
- Students should avoid using shared materials or shared spaces, like lockers and cubbies.
- Students should go to their lockers and then immediately to class to avoid congregating in the hallways.
- Students cannot bring homemade treats for birthdays or classroom parties.